GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS WEEKLY REPORT
July 25, 1991

TED LATTANZIO - REGION I

CONNECTICUT: The budget resolution is still up in the air. The House failed to override the Governor's veto by 14 votes and the Senate has passed a second continuing resolution effective until 8/11. The House, however, did not vote on this resolution but proposed a completely new plan which does not include a tax on tobacco.

SHARON PORTNOY - REGION II

NEW YORK STATE: The New York State Legislature stand in recess. Privacy legislation is awaiting delivery to Governor Cuomo.

NEW YORK CITY: The New York City Taxi & Limousine Commission has tentatively set a meeting for 10 a.m. on August 21. No agenda has been prepared at this time.

JIM LEMPERES - REGION III

PENNSYLVANIA: House and Senate leaders reached agreement on a tentative $14 billion state spending plan that would require a record tax increase. The tax increase would fall short of $3 billion.

Republican and Democratic negotiators were optimistic that a budget and tax plan could clear the legislature this weekend.

NEW JERSEY: Legislators are in recess.

DELAWARE: Legislators are in recess.

JAY S. POOLE - REGION V

KENTUCKY: Out of session.

MARYLAND: Out of session.

NORTH CAROLINA: Out of session.

TENNESSEE: Out of session.

VIRGINIA: The Virginia legislators met in a brief Special Session last

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week to finalize the redistricting. Accordingly, everything is on track the 1992 elections. All the Delegates and Senators are up for reelection this year.

WEST VIRGINIA: Out of session.

HENRY TURNER - REGION VI

ALABAMA: The Alabama Legislature will return for a final day on Monday, July 29. Legislation to increase the cigarette excise tax remains dead but could be considered should the Governor call a Special Session prior to the beginning of the 1992 Session.

Senate-passed privacy legislation was removed from the House Special Order Calendar last week. The Business Council of Alabama continues its opposition because of the bill's perceived infringement on Employment at Will. The tobacco industry will attempt to have the legislation placed back on the calendar for consideration on the final day.

Protective Order restriction legislation (S204 and S320) remains in the Senate Business and Labor Relations Committee. The Sunshine in Litigation Act (S328) received second reading, but has not yet been called up for third reading.

GEORGIA: Governor Zell Miller has announced that he will cut spending across the board by 5%. This is in response to increased revenue deficit information raising the shortfall from $400 million to $750 million. It is expected that 1,000 state employees will be laid off by September 1 and that numerous state programs will be cut. Governor Miller continues his pledge of no new taxes.

Albany - Dougherty County Commission has proposed a smoking ban in all County buildings.

MARY CRAMER - REGION VII

ILLINOIS: Reverend Michael Pfleger held a press conference on July 23 to propose more restrictive outdoor advertising regulations in the City of Chicago. His proposal calls for a ban of tobacco and alcohol advertising on city buses, trains and platforms, and within 250 feet of a residence. No action was taken.

MINNESOTA: On July 23, the Brooklyn Center City Council heard testimony on a proposed ordinance to ban vending machines and self-service displays. The proposal would also require the sale of tobacco by clerks 18 years and older. A second reading of the proposed ordinance will be heard on August 12.

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WISCONSIN: The Governor has indicated that he will act on the state budget bill by August 8.

Milwaukee's Public Improvements Committee voted 4 to 0 to delay action on an ordinance concerning a no-smoking policy in or on all city buildings, structures, premises and vehicles. No new hearing date is scheduled.

BETSY GILES - REGION IX

LOUISIANA: Governor Roemer signed into law legislation (HB 499) to prohibit discrimination against individuals who smoke outside the course of employment, a bill (HB 19) prohibiting the sale of tobacco products to persons under the age of 18 and conflicts of law (punitive damages) legislation (HB 251).

A special session on reapportionment will begin August 28 - September 4.

TEXAS: Legislative committee hearings continued this week on Comptroller Sharp's plan to find $5.2 billion in agency consolidation, fee increases and minor tax hikes to bridge the state budget gap.

PAM OLHAM INMANN - REGION X

NEW MEXICO: The Albuquerque City Council will hear a tobacco sales restriction ordinance on 8/5/91.

STEPHEN BUCKNER - REGION XI

IDAHO: The Bill of Rights Tour stop in Boise was well received by the community. The Governor and Boise's Mayor were on hand for the opening ceremonies and the reception was well attended.

OREGON: Governor Barbara Roberts is calling for a special session in the spring to consider a new revenue package. Last fall voters approved Measure 5 which reduced local property taxes and required the state to reimburse schools for the lost revenue. Measure 5 will cost the state $625 million this biennium and $1.7 billion during 1993-1995. Governor Roberts will begin the process of finding replacement taxes by asking citizens and community leaders about their visions for Oregon's future and how to fund that future. Legislators will consider the ideas and design a tax package during the spring special session. Following legislative action, the tax package will be referred to the voters during the summer or fall of 1992.

SANDRA TIMPSON - REGION XII

CALIFORNIA: The legislature is in recess.

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